



International Center for
Spanish Books for Youth

San Diego Public Library

Centro Internacional de Libros
en Español para Niños y Jóvenes



The Schon Center contains the highest quality books to be read by Spanish-speaking children and adolescents and those who wish to learn Spanish.

Schon Center Mission

The Isabel Schon International Center for Spanish Books for Youth at the San Diego Public Library is a circulating library that promotes literacy and reading. The Center ensures broad access to high-quality books for children and adolescents in Spanish and in English about Latino people and culture by:

- Reviewing Spanish-language books published in the United States and internationally.
- Collecting recommended and award-winning books.
- Cataloging materials in an online searchable database.
- Conducting conferences and seminars.

Schon Center Purpose

The Schon Center collects and reviews Spanish-language books for children and adolescents as well as



noteworthy books in English about Latino/a people and culture. Schon Center reviews appear in respected journals. Only recommended titles are added to the Center's collection and become part of the searchable database accessible through the San Diego Public Library's Web site at www.isabelschoncenter.org. The Schon Center provides access to both scholarly and recreational books. The Center's efforts are integrated into existing San Diego Public Library literacy programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Children's Book Festival, and READ/San Diego (the Library's literacy program).

Founder and Director

Center Director Dr. Isabel Schon is the author of 25 books and more than 400 research and literary articles. Her reviews are widely read and well respected in the publishing community and she has received numerous awards. Dr. Schon has consulted worldwide on bilingual/bicultural educational materials for schools and libraries and has worked with ministries of education in Mexico, Spain and South America. Dr. Schon personally selects materials for the San Diego Public Library based on quality of writing and illustration, presentation of material, and audience appeal.



Dr. Isabel Schon is respected worldwide as an authority on literature for Spanish-speaking and Latino children.

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